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GOOD QUALITY OF RAILWAY TRACKS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have formulated an ambitious scheme to improve the quality of railway tracks so that trains with more heavy loads can travel faster on the tracks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the work is likely to commence on the said scheme; and

(d) the estimated cost thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Track renewals are carried out on age cum conditions basis and to upgrade track structure to suit traffic requirement.

At the time of track renewal, modern track structure is provided depending on route classification type of traffic and annual traffic density. Modern track structure is capable of heavy load train operation at faster speed.

(c) & (d) : It is a continuous process. In the XIth Five Year Plan track renewal works costing nearly Rs.24885 crore are envisaged.